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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MZ, WZ

SUBJECT: SWAZI/MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS

1. ON MARCH 25, AMBASSADOR MET WITH GOS MINISTER OF INDUSTRY, MINES, AND TOURISM SIOVK NXUMAGO FOR WIDE AWRANGING DISCUSSION OF SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, INCLUDING SWAZI/MOZAMBIQUE RELATIONS. NXUMALO REFERRED TO RECENT REPORTS OF "CONFESSION" OF PAULO GUMANE (DAR ES SALAAM 806) ACCUSING GOS DPM ZONKE KHUMALO OF HAVING PROVIDED ASSISTANCE TO ANTI-FRELIMO GROUPS. NXUMALO SAID THIS PUBLICITY WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE. HE ALSO SAID, "IT HAPPENS TO BE TRUE."

2. NZUMALO THEN REVIEWED GOS/FRELIMO RELATIONS SINCE  
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APRIL 25, 1975. ON MAY 20, GOS PRIME MINISTER, DPM KHUMALO

AND MINISTER OF STATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS MATSEBULA HAD TRAVELED TO LUSAKA TO MEET WITH FRELIMO LEADERS. (MBABANE 983) HOWEVER, MACHEL,

DOS SANTOS, AND CHISSANO HAD REFUSED TO SEE THEM. (EMBASSY HAS HEARD THAT AFTER APRIL 25 COUP IN LISBON, PORTUGUESE SECRET SERVICE IN LOURENCO MARQUES TURNED OVER TO FRELIMO DOSSIERS SHOWING INVOLVEMENT OF CERTAIN GOS OFFICIALS IN ANTI-FRELIMO ACTIVITIES.) PM'S PARTY HAD RETURNED TO MBABANE DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER FUTURE GOS RELATIONS WITH FRELIMO. AFTER CONSIDERABLE SOUL-SEARCHING, IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO SEND NXUMALO TO TRY TO ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH FRELIMO LEADERS. THIS WAS PURPOSE OF NXUMALO'S TRIP IN AUGUST 1974, (MBABANE 1538). IN DAR ES SALAAM ALL THREE TOP FRELIMO LEADERS HAD CALLED ON NXUMALO AT HIS HOTEL AND HE HAD SUCCEEDED IN CONVINCING THEM OF SWAZILAND'S GOOD WILL. SINCE THEN, GOS RELATIONS WITH FRELIMO HAVE IMPROVED.

3. NXUMALO SAID SWAZILAND WILL OBVIOUSLY BE DEEPLY AFFECTED, BOTH POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY, BY DEVELOPMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE, AND BY FRELIMO'S RELATIONS WITH SOUTH AFRICA. SWAZILAND IS LIKE THE GRASS BETWEEN TWO ELEPHANTS. WHEN ELEPHANTS FIGHT, IT IS THE GRASS THAT SUFFERS. IN FACT, HE SAID, THE GRASS SUFFERS EVEN WHEN THE ELEPHANTS MAKE LOVE.

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